

**Response After Final Action Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
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Application No.: 09/144,635

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Art Unit: 2464

For: SELECTIVE BANDWIDTH CONNECTIVITY  
THROUGH NETWORK LINE CARDS

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2009 (hereinafter “the Office Action”), finally rejecting claims 1, 3-12, 14-18, 21-34, 36 and 41-62, Applicant states as follows for the above-identified U.S. patent application:

**The presently pending Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.